

Making Comparisons

Study the charts below and answer the questions that follow.

THE ATHENIAN GOVERNMENT (400s B.C.)

LEGISLATIVE

The Assembly

Consisted of all male citizens over 20 years old.
Made the laws and voted on policy and taxes.

The Council of 500

Chosen by lot to serve one year. Proposed laws to the Assembly.

EXECUTIVE

Nine Archons and the Commander in Chief

Elected annually by the Assembly.
Directed policy and the armed forces.

Other Officials

Chosen by lot to serve one year.

JUDICIAL

Juries

Consisted of members of the Assembly, who were chosen by lot. Tried all law cases.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE CONSTITUTION

EXECUTIVE

Carries out the laws and commands the armed forces.

The President

Elected by an electoral college every four years.
Appoints other officials.

LEGISLATIVE

Makes laws, votes on taxes, declares war.

The Congress

Elected directly by the people.

Senate

Two senators from each state, elected for six-year terms.

House of Representatives

Each member is from a district, elected for two years.

JUDICIAL

Interprets the meaning of the law and declares laws unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court and Other Federal Courts

Appointed by the president with consent of the Senate.